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Group/Art Unit	3622
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Attorney Docket No.	132702-0114

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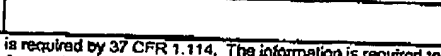
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